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Madrid Admits an Intelligence Agency Spied on Opposition Parties

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MADRID, May 14 — Spanish officials have acknowledged that a Government intelligence agency has infiltrated opposition political parties.

Deputy Prime Minister Alfonso Guerra said today that the Government would investigate the spying "until the ultimate consequences."

The political spying, first reported Sunday in El País, a leading daily, has angered opposition parties. The conservative opposition, Popular Alliance, some of whose confidential papers were taken, filed a suit today demanding a court investigation into the activities.

Interior Ministry officials in the Socialist Government of Prime Minister Felipe González said that they had moved to curtail the political spying since they themselves uncovered it in 1983. But the officials said that some of the spying continues.

Mr. González, who is attending a disarmament conference in Sweden, has made no comment on the new disclosures.

Alberto Elias, head of the intelligence agency, the Interior Brigade, said the agency now trained its attention mainly on extremist, nonparliamentary parties, though he acknowledged that it had collected information on Popular Alliance as well. He said

that most of the information on the Alliance had been filed away "because it did not have any value" and that "very little" had been passed on to the Socialist political appointees who run the ministry.

Manuel Fraga, president of the Alliance, retorted, "It is very difficult to accept that the documents taken from here were not used."

'A Very Grave Deed'

Among the documents that El País said had been taken were reports by private consultants on ways to combat the Socialist Government politically and confidential position papers that Interior Ministry officials admitted had shown up in the ministry before they were presented to the Parliament.

"This is a very grave deed," Mr. Fraga said, "one of the most grave attacks against democracy and against parliamentary fair play."

Popular Alliance leaders had been complaining of spying since Mr. Guerra several months ago publicly exhibited a copy of a budget speech by Mr. Fraga before it was released.

Mr. Guerra today denied having anything to do with the spying and suggested that a dissident Alliance member of Parliament had given him Mr. Fraga's speech.

The case in part appears to exemplify the holdover independence of the

intelligence agencies formed under Francisco Franco. Of the eight agencies, some have been accused in the press of being behind assassinations of Basque separatist leaders and others of collecting information on Government officials and members of Parliament.

Julían San Cristóbal, head of the General Directorate of State Security, which oversees most intelligence gathering, said in a communiqué published today that an official investigation was already under way and that the brigade might be reduced in size.